

REMARKS

In the Office Action of March 28, 2008, the Examiner rejected claim 1 as being indefinite as the phrase "the central web" lacked antecedent basis. Claim 1 has been amended to cure this deficiency. Claims 1, 4, 8 and 10-11 were rejected as anticipated by WO 9706322 (Couto). The remaining claims were rejected as obvious over Couto in view of various secondary references. Reconsideration of these rejections, in view of the amendment to the claims, is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 now recites the C-shaped profile has a central web and a pair of side walls with two longitudinal ribs on the inner surface of each side wall. This structure is not disclosed or suggested by Couto or any other prior art of record. Claim 10 has been amended to state that the coupling elements have a pair of side edges, each side edge having a curved portion and a straight portion. This structure allows the horizontal stringers to be firmly put in place as is described on page 4, lines 8-18. The new claims further define the invention over the prior art.

The claims as amended are allowable over the prior art and favorable action is eagerly and earnestly solicited.

If any fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,



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